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Thomas Newman
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Dear Mr. Newman:

On September 14, 2001, we received your Plan of Operations to conduct mining activities on the Diatomics mining claims (UMC 362249, 362250, 362256 and 364711) in T. 6 S., R. 7 W., Section 7. Your Plan of Operations has been assigned serial number U-77778. Please refer to this serial number in all future correspondence relating to this Plan.

At your earliest convenience, please provide the following information to consider your Plan of Operations complete:

1. The Plan mentions that CRLI will stockpile overburden material for later use in reclamation. Submit a map identifying the location of the stored topsoil used for concurrent and/or final reclamation. On the stored topsoil map or a topography map note all of the existing access route(s) planned for hauling.
2. In your submitted Plan, you indicate that the pit walls would be re-contoured into a broad, shallow depression. Please specify the approximate final slope for the pit walls. Also, include a sketch of the anticipated topography after pit reclamation.

In a few weeks, a separate letter would be sent to you addressing the final reclamation cost estimate on your operations. Also, our office needs an additional 30-60 days to complete the environmental review as required under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please feel free to contact Cheryl Martinez of my staff at (801) 977-4371.

Sincerely,

Alice Stephenson

Alice Assistant Field Manager
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cc: D. Wayne Hedberg

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